Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is concerned about the citizens in our communities who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and,

Whereas, In January 2009, 1,189 people were considered homeless in South Dakota during one of the coldest months of the year, and 376 of them were children; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium is comprised of housing providers; service providers; members of state, city, and county governments; and the faith communities from across the state, and will be conducting a statewide homeless count on September 24, 2009, to get a better understanding of the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and,

Whereas, The State Interagency Council on Homelessness, as well as the Housing for the Homeless Consortium, have pledged to empower homeless individuals and families to regain self sufficiency to the maximum extent possible. This point-in-time homeless count will allow the organizations to identify the scale of homelessness, measure the progress agencies are making, and to ultimately put a face to the issue of homelessness in our state; and,

Whereas, State, local, and tribal governments will work together with the South Dakota Housing for Homeless Consortium to count the homeless throughout South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2009, as

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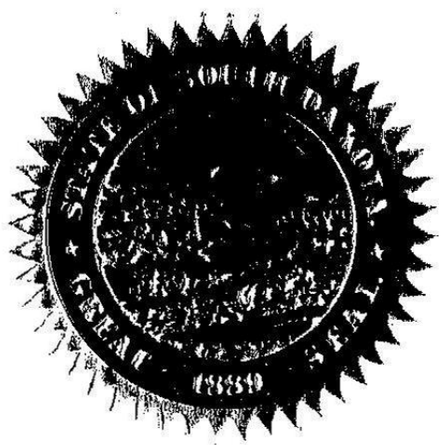
in South Dakota, and officially recognize the statewide homeless count of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State